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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 37
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A RESOLUTION to recognize and endorse the United States and Tennessee Jaycees' program: *Jaycees Against Youth Smoking*.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should congratulate and endorse those exemplary programs that educate, enrich, and serve the citizens of this great state, especially our young people; and

WHEREAS, the *Jaycees Against Youth Smoking* is one such commendable program, which reaches out to the school children of Tennessee with compassion and a positive message; and

WHEREAS, this excellent free education program is designed to teach children in elementary and middle schools about the health risks of smoking and to help them make an informed decision to not smoke; and

WHEREAS, *Jaycees Against Youth Smoking* is a well-planned and beneficial education tool, providing teaching guidelines and learning skits, important health information about the

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dangers of smoking, and a top ten list of reasons not to smoke; children begin the program with a pre-test and end the program two weeks later with a post-test; and

WHEREAS, Jaycee chapters across the country work diligently in recruiting schools to participate in this nationwide project; Jaycees members instruct teachers on the implementation of the program, order the preprinted materials from the National Service center, provide the remaining project materials, and compile a final report; and

WHEREAS, last year the U.S. Jaycees impacted more than 100,000 children nationwide, and the Tennessee Jaycees were able to reach approximately 1,000 children; the Tennessee Jaycees' admirable state goal for this year is to inform 25,000 children about the dangers of smoking; and

WHEREAS, the program's honorable objectives are: first, to have students identify the health risks of smoking; second, to inform students about the facts of environmental tobacco smoke; third, to teach students how to encourage others not to smoke; fourth, to help students learn and practice methods of dealing successfully with peer pressure to smoke; and finally, teach students how to quit smoking if they have already started; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause in its deliberations to pay tribute to one of Tennessee's most excellent educational programs, *Jaycees Against Youth Smoking*, for the invaluable service it provides to the school children of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Jaycees are wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State;" now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby recognize and endorse *Jaycees Against Youth Smoking* and encourage all school superintendents, school boards, principals, and teachers in Tennessee to participate in this essential, free health program.

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED, that we also congratulate the members of the United States and Tennessee Jaycees organizations for establishing and offering this important health education tool for the use of Tennessee school systems, and wish the members of this outstanding service organization continued success in all their future endeavors in public service.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.